

demned, ceded, dedicated or opened as a public highway, or which may hereafter be condemned, ceded, dedicated, opened, widened, straightened or altered, according to the laws and ordinances regulating same, and also assessing the cost of any work not exceeding one-half the costs upon any property binding upon streets, lanes, alley or highway or part thereof, according to the front-foot rule of apportionment of the costs of improvement equitable (bases) as it may determine, and for the collection of said assessments as other city taxes are collected, or in such manner as it may prescribe, either before or after the work shall have been done. To provide by ordinance for grading, macadamizing, paving or curbing or for regrading, re-macadamizing, repaving or recurbing of any street, lane, alley or highway or part thereof in said city, whenever the owners of a majority of the front footage of property binding on such street, lane, alley or highway or part thereof shall apply for the same, upon terms and under conditions to be prescribed in said ordinances, and for the assessment in any such case of the whole or any part of the costs of such work pro rata according to the front-foot rule of apportionment of the cost of the improvement or equitable basis upon all abutting property binding upon such street, lane or alley, and for the collection of such assessment as other city taxes are collected or in such manner as it may prescribe. In any and all cases where any street, lane, alley or part thereof in the city has been graded, paved or curbed, or regraded, repaved or recurbed, under any ordinance which provided for assessing of any portion of the whole of the costs of such improvement upon the property binding upon such street, lane or alley or part thereof, remains unpaid, it shall be lawful for the city to provide by ordinance for the levy and collection in such manner as it may deem proper of a tax upon all property binding on any street, lane or alley or part thereof, which may have been so improved to the extent that such property shall have been specially benefited by such improvements; provided, that no property upon which the assessments originally made for its share of the cost of such improvement shall have been paid shall be again assessable. Any part of the cost assessed to the city under the provisions of this section shall be paid out of the special fund, if one is provided, or out of the general fund of the city; provided that before the passage by the Mayor and Council of Crisfield of any ordinance under this section ten days' notice at least shall be given in one of the newspapers published in said city of the day when any such ordinance is provided to be passed by the Council, and an opportunity shall be afforded to all persons interested therein to appear and be heard before said Council; and before any assessment made by the Mayor and Council or its authorized